

## Tridentine Mass Celebrated At Creston, B.C. Canada



**Fr. Eric Deprey**

Four members of the VTMS Executive, Moira Garneau President, David Reid Communications Director, Lynn Reid Treasurer and Mercia Hodges Social Director attended Fr. Eric Deprey's first Solemn High Mass in his hometown of Creston.

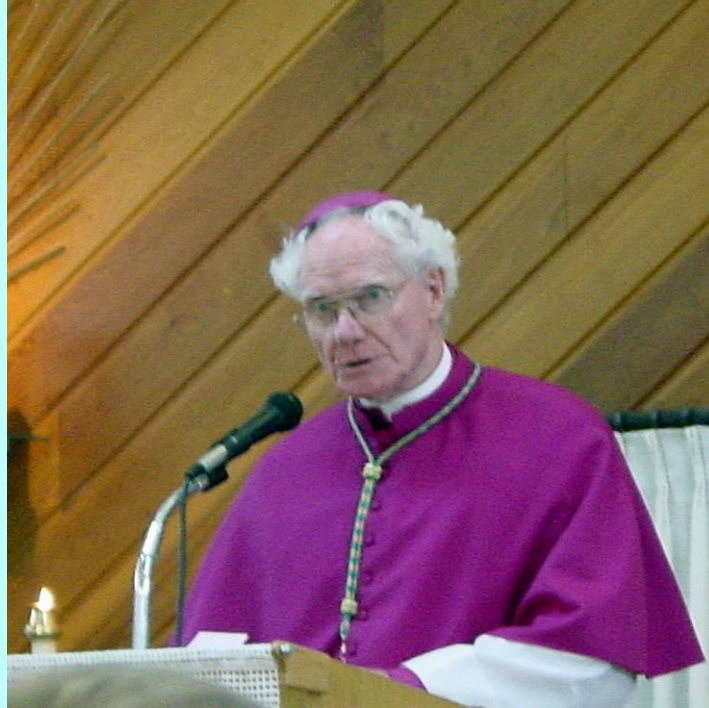


**Left to Right**

**Deacon Joseph Orłowski,**

**Fr. Eric Deprey & Fr. Rizzo**

The occasion was a resounding success and Divine Mercy Parish was not only represented by ourselves but our Seminarian Garrick Huang, Peter Mulholland and Timothy Mackey's voices added to the beauty of the solemn sung High Mass.



### **Bp. Cooney**

His Excellency Bishop Eugene Cooney deserves our gratitude and thanks for not only permitting but for attending this Traditional Mass and he seems to be one of the ever growing number of courageous Bishops who are prepared to follow the directives of His Holiness John Paul II. In Bp. Cooney's own words "this Mass and the F.S.S.P. represent a diversity and bring a richness to Holy Mother Church. This Mass and spirituality which has formed so many Saints and was the Mass of His ordination."

The Mass was attended not only by the local community but by visitors from Idaho USA, Vancouver Island and Calgary. The celebration following the Mass was an occasion for friends and visitors alike to celebrate Fr. Deprey's priesthood.

Mr. David Manning our representative in Creston kept the program on track and even collected a list of names for what hopefully will be the first Una Voce chapter in B.C. outside the Vancouver area.

Fr. Eric Deprey:

Dear family and friends:

Thank-you all for coming to my first Solemn Mass in Creston. Thank-you also for your encouragement over the past seven years, especially for your prayers. Seminary may be over, but there are many challenges ahead. Needless to say that the society we live in is very hostile to Christ. The river of the world is rapidly flowing into the deep dark ocean of sin, away from Christ and the Church He founded on Peter (Matt 16:18-19). As Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen so wisely observed: "Dead fish float downstream. It takes live fish to go against the current." We need to be those live fish, heading upstream to the source of living water, Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh (Jn 1:14), God Who descended in human form, and willing suffered and died to atone for our sins, showing us through the sacrifice of His Passion and Death the horror of sin, and His great love for sinners.

Please redouble your efforts of prayer for the priests of the Fraternity of St. Peter, as we fish for souls floating down that stream and administer the Sacraments Christ established to restore them to life. Pray for us that we may reconcile more souls to God and strengthen them, and you, not only with sound teaching and the life of grace through the sacraments, but with holiness of example in all that we do.

I would like to thank His Excellency, Bishop Eugene Cooney, and Fr. George Thattuparampil for making this day possible. Special thanks to my parents, relatives, and friends, for fostering the love of the priesthood in my life. Also to Father Barnes (may he rest in peace), Father Morelli, and Monsignor Trainor of Holy Cross Parish in Creston, B.C., for their guidance; to the Chartres Pilgrimage Committee of St. Clement Parish, Ottawa who gave me the opportunity to go on pilgrimage at an important moment of discernment;

to those priests, professors, staff, and seminarians of Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary who helped me keep my eyes on the goal; to my benefactors, who sacrificed so much to assist me in my education; to Fr. Rizzo and the servers from St. George Latin Mass Community in Post Falls Idaho for preparing for this Mass; to the choir: John Kamprath, Garrick Huang, Chris Suen, and the singers for preparing the sacred music; to Rev. Mr. Joseph Orłowski for coming all this way to be my Deacon; and to Monica Mayhak for making my first Mass accessible to you through this beautiful missalette. Finally I would like to thank all those hidden souls who have been praying for me over the years, lay people and religious alike, people I've maybe never met, who decided to pray for me for whatever reason. May God bless them all for their generosity in the apostolate of prayer.

God bless you all, and know that you will be in my prayers and Masses in the months to come. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother (Lk 1:43; Jn 19:27) place her mantle of protection about you and lead you to closer union with her Divine Son.

In Corde Mariae,

Father Erik Deprey, FSSP